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November 21, 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Minutes of the Special Group (CI) Meeting
2 p.m., Thursday, November 21, 1963

PRESENT: Governor Harriman, Mr. Bell, General Taylor, Mr. Murrow, Mr. Bundy vice Mr. Gilpatric, Mr. Karamessines vice Mr. McCone

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Mr. Jernegan and Mr. Kilgore were present for Items No. 1 and 2.

Mr. McClure was present for Item No. 2.

Mr. Battle was present for Item No. 3.

Ambassador Henderson was present for Item No. 4.

Mr. Maechling was present for the meeting.

1. Counterinsurgency Intelligence Summary

Mr. Karamessines stated that no significant developments are indicated since last week's briefing by Mr. McCone. Terrorist incidents continue at a high rate in Venezuela, and a public announcement by the Venezuelan Government is expected shortly presenting proof that weapons of Cuban origin have been introduced into their country. The Chairman commented that a reply had been received from Ambassador Stewart expressing appreciation for Washington support in helping the Venezuelan Government with its anti-terrorist program and stating that he had no additional requirements for immediate action.

General Taylor added that he was concerned as to whether the Ambassador was aware of all of the assets that would be made available to assist in this program.

2. Presentation of the Internal Defense Plan for Jordan

Mr. Jernegan, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs, reviewed for the Group the major elements of the Plan. He emphasized

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Mr. Jernegan pointed out that a quick coup backed by elements of the Army is considered to be the primary threat to the current regime. Aside from this, threats posed by other elements, including the Communists, are not believed to be serious. He then described the US policy objectives in

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Jordan and courses of action. He commented that there is some doubt whether Jordan can absorb the proposed reduction in US budgetary support planned for future years.

Mr. McClure, Chief of the AID Mission in Jordan, reported that recent developments indicate that progress is being made in the economic area. Improvements are being made in the fiscal management field and the seven-year development plan now being formulated is an encouraging sign. The refugee problem has complicated the development of youth programs, but increased attention is being given to these programs.

The Group noted the IDP and deferred taking any other action pending review of the terms of reference of the Group.

The Group agreed with the CIA recommendation that contingency plans pertinent to this region should be reviewed.

The Group agreed that CIA should review and update, as necessary, the existing Special National Intelligence Estimate on Jordan.

3. Report on Youth Programs

Mr. Battle presented a summary report of developments in US efforts to work with foreign youth since he last appeared before the Group. He surveyed the following areas: Organizational matters; procedures established within State to assess the overall effort; additional emphasis being placed on youth and labor in the interdepartmental seminar; steps being taken to improve the training of US personnel who will be working with foreign youth and potential leaders; development by the US military of an excellent program designed to increase understanding by the foreign officers being trained in the US; and, a description of new techniques in selecting US students who will attend Latin American Universities.

Mr. Battle stated that the US is expanding youth programs in Africa, and a new directive has been dispatched to the field indicating that special efforts should be made to spot potential leaders in the developing areas while they are still young.

4. Discussion with Ambassador Henderson

The Group exchanged views with Ambassador Henderson in various aspects of his new assignment in Bolivia.

General Taylor pointed out that the Group was prepared to support the Ambassador and hoped that he would keep the Group informed on problems related to internal defense that required top-level consideration in Washington.

Miscellaneous.

A. The Group was informed that USIB has been requested by State to

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provide an assessment related to the internal security situation in Honduras and the Dominican Republic as recommended by General Taylor in his memorandum to the Group of 12 November 1963.

B. The Group agreed that its next meeting would be held at 11 A.M., Friday, December 6, 1963.

C. No meeting is scheduled for November 28, 1963.

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